

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3294 - HB 3644

March 9, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Probation and Parole to establish a pilot program in Shelby County to provide ex-offenders with medical and mental health screenings, educational opportunities, anger management counseling, housing and independent living support, family support and reunification. Requires the screening of offenders for program eligibility and admission to occur 120 days prior to the offender's scheduled release. Requires the program to be offered to offenders, 18 to 35 years of age, who have no current or prior sexual offense convictions or infractions within 12 months of his or her parole hearing. Requires the Board to limit the capacity of the program to 200 offenders consisting of 160 males and 40 females. Requires the Board Director to report to the Senate and House of Representatives Judiciary Committees no later than February 1, 2013, regarding the results of the program and its impact on the recidivism rate in Tennessee. Authorizes the Board to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate this act in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- Any cost to prepare and present the required report to the appropriate committees is estimated to be not significant.
- Until the framework of the program is established and the cost of the various components is determined, the fiscal impact to the state is unknown and cannot be reasonably quantified at this time; however, it is reasonable to assume that the increase in state expenditures will exceed \$100,000 for the Board to establish the required pilot program.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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